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Conyers Criticizes Patriot Act Report

Rep. John Conyers, issued the following statement in reaction to the Justice Department Patriot Act Report:

“This report is more of John Ashcroft’s doubletalk on the Patriot Act – while the Justice Department selectively releases information to make its case, it still refuses to come clean to Congress about its abuses of our civil liberties, claiming it is all classified. Conspicuously absent from the report is any mention of the most controversial aspects of the Act, such as section 215 which allows searches of the reading habits of law abiding Americans at bookstores and libraries. Coupled with the Department’s consistent record of exaggerating their record about terrorism, this entire report is suspect.”

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